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| Application Number     | 09/684,103         |
| Filing Date            | 10/05/2000         |
| First Named Inventor   | Douglas U. Mennie  |
| Art Unit               | 3653               |
| Examiner Name          | Jeffrey A. Shapiro |
| Attorney Docket Number | 47171-00271USP1    |

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
- i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- iii. ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- ii. ☒ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☒ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of 3 months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(l) required)
- b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
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|-------------------|----------------------|------------------|--------|
| Signature         | <i>Paul R. Kitch</i> | Date             | 2/7/06 |
| Name (Print/Type) | Paul R. Kitch        | Registration No. | 38,206 |

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| Name (Print/Type) | Michael Steele        |      |                  |

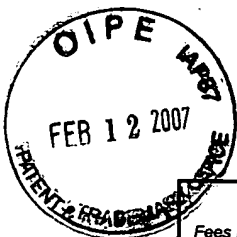
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Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).

# FEE TRANSMITTAL

## For FY 2006

☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)  
6,020.00

### Complete if Known

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Filing Date October 5, 2000  
First Named Inventor Douglas Mennie  
Examiner Name Jeffrey A. Shapiro  
Art Unit 3653  
Attorney Docket No. 47171-271USP1

### METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

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### FEE CALCULATION

#### 1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

| Application Type | FILING FEES |                       | SEARCH FEES |                       | EXAMINATION FEES |                       | Fees Paid (\$) |
|------------------|-------------|-----------------------|-------------|-----------------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
|                  | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)    | Small Entity Fee (\$) | Fee (\$)         | Small Entity Fee (\$) |                |
| Utility          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 200              | 100                   |                |
| Design           | 200         | 100                   | 100         | 50                    | 130              | 65                    |                |
| Plant            | 200         | 100                   | 300         | 150                   | 160              | 80                    |                |
| Reissue          | 300         | 150                   | 500         | 250                   | 600              | 300                   |                |
| Provisional      | 200         | 100                   | 0           | 0                     | 0                | 0                     |                |

#### 2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

| Fee Description                                    | Fee (\$) | Small Entity Fee (\$) |
|--|----------|-----------------------|
| Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)            | 50       | 25                    |
| Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues) | 200      | 100                   |
| Multiple dependent claims                          | 360      | 180                   |

Total Claims 66 - 20 = 46 Extra Claims x 50.00 = \$2,300 Multiple Dependent Claims Fee (\$)

Indep. Claims 17 - 3 = 14 Extra Claims x 200.00 = \$2,8000 Fee Paid (\$)

#### 3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

Total Sheets - 100 = /50 Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof Fee (\$)

#### 4. OTHER FEE(S)

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